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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, BC

SUBJECT: LABOR UNREST AT SELEBI-PIKWE COPPER NICKEL MINE

1. PRESIDENT CONVENED UNSCHEDULED CABINET MEETING MORNING OF JULY 29 DISCUSS REPORTED LABOR UNREST AT SELEBI-PIKWE. ACCORDING TO MINISTERS WHO ATTENDED MEETING, INITIAL REPORTS FROM MINE WERE THAT BECAUSE OF SALARY INCREASE DISPARITIES A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MINE WORKERS STAGED A LOCKOUT. WORKERS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER. ROCK THROWING AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SMELTERS WERE ALSO REPORTED.

2. AT END OF MEETING VICE PRESIDENT, MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES, HEAD OF NATIONAL POLICE, AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS WERE SENT TO SELEBI-PIKWE TO ASSESS SITUATION. BAMANGWATO CONCESSIONS LIMITED GROUP SECRETARY COURTENAY ALSO WENT TO MINE SITE. AT TIME OF WRITING NO NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE, BUT OFFICIALS ARE DUE BACK TONIGHT.

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